

# Conservation On the Ground - **Pike County Agricultural Agencies Host Pond Workshop**

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Small impoundments are important components of many farms in Pike County. They are used as a source of water for livestock and irrigation and for on the farm recreation. Pike County agricultural agencies held a pond workshop, October 23, 2002, at the Cattleman Park in Troy, Alabama. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information on how to manage farm ponds for livestock/irrigation purposes and recreational use. Representatives from Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service presented material relative to pond weed and mosquito control, pond management, state services, permit process/construction, and water law. The Pike County Cattlemen's Association hosted the meeting; the Pike Farmers Co-op sponsored the lunch.



*District Fisheries Specialist Mike Newman, (left) Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; and Auburn Extension Fisheries Specialist Russell Wright, center, talk with a Pike County landowner about pond management.*



*District Conservationist Randy Hale USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, right, answers a Pike County landowner's questions about pond management.*

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